

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Canada, United States of America

For our family and friends:

Charles Bland	David Beck	Cliff Burris
Dave Sidney	Shirley Torres	Charley Gray
Chuck Trahan	Ruth West	Don and Carol Steussy's son Matt
Tracy Patrick (Sue Chesnut's step-daughter)		Sharon Platt (Paul Gay's sister)
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)		Ron Daniels (Ginger Goodin's father)
Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter)		Melba Howard (Steve's mother)
Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)		Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)
Nace Baggerman (GiGi Heermans' father)		Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)
Brynn Matos (Allen and Betsy Mauldin's 2-year-old granddaughter)		

Prayers of sympathy:

The family of Beverly Montgomery on her death

If you wish to add a prayer request to this list, please complete a Prayer Card available in the chair pouch in front of you and place it in the collection basket as you come forward for communion. Please indicate how the person we are to pray for is related to you.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Exodus 4:1-17
1 Peter 2:1-10

Tuesday
2 Kings 6:8-23
Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday
Jeremiah 33:1-11
Matthew 20:29-34

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Exodus 22:1-15
Hebrews 9:1-12

Friday
Leviticus 19:32-37
Romans 3:21-31

Saturday
Numbers 9:9-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, November 3rd
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

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** indicates an invitation to stand as you are able*

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Audrey Wan

*GREETING

Let us bless the Lord at all times;

The praise of God is continually in our mouths.

O magnify the Lord with me;

Let us exalt God's name together.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

UMH 66

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Thorpe Johnson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (p. 462 in the pew Bible OT)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

"Alleluia"

UMH 186

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:46-52 (p. 44 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

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There are many different opportunities for spiritual enrichment here:

Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45am

Sunday School at 9:45am for adults, children, and youth

BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) — Sunday, noon-1:30pm

United Women in Faith — 3rd Sunday, 12:30pm; quarterly Saturday, 9:30am

Young At Heart (older adult fellowship) — day and time varies

Sanctuary Choir — performs Sunday at 10:45am, practices Sunday at noon

Contemplative prayer group — Monday, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday prayer service — Tuesday, 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Weekly Bible study — Tuesday, 10am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

Prayer shawl ministry — 1st Tuesday, 11am; 3rd Tues, 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary preparation — Thursday, 10:00am in the Sanctuary

A Child's Haven (preschool) — Monday through Thursday, 9am-1pm

(Fall thru Spring; contact Yaheli Benitez director@childshaven.net for more info)

The United Methodist Church is a several-million-strong global church that opens hearts, opens doors, and opens minds through active engagement with our world.

John Wesley and the early Methodists placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

We invite you to learn more about our rich theological heritage by visiting the website for The United Methodist Church (UMC.org).

If you would like to learn more about Cedar Park First UMC or have questions about joining the church, e-mail one of our pastors or check "Desire a Call" on the attendance registration pad when you sign in today.

Rev. Peter Castles, Pastor Peter@cpfumc.org
Rev. Suzette Thorpe Johnson, Pastor Suzette@cpfumc.org
Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director
Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, October 27th

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
Followers of the Word are studying the Gospel of Luke (MMB Conference Room)
Seekers are studying St. Augustine's "Confessions" (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for Children (MMB Classroom 3) and Youth (Youth Room)
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
Noon BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Pumpkin Patch

MONDAY, October 28th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, October 29th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

THURSDAY, October 31st

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

Sign up in the Lobby to help us:

- 1) Feed our youth on Sunday at noon 2) Work the Pumpkin Patch

Help Hill Country Community Ministries provide Holiday Meals!!

HCCM is busy gathering up holiday dinner items to ensure their clients can enjoy a festive Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner this season.

Your donations of canned sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce will help them spread joy and nourishment to community members facing food insecurity.

CPFUMC Challenge:

Let's collect **100 cans** of Cranberry Sauce and Sweet Potatoes

Visitors and Newcomers:

We invite you to participate to the extent you feel comfortable. *UMH* indicates a song from *The United Methodist Hymnal* (found under the chair in front of you). *TFWS* indicates *The Faith We Sing*, the soft-bound hymnal out on top of the chairs. Words will also be shown on the screen at the front. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS AND BABY BLANKET

**May God's grace be upon these shawls and this blanket
to warm and comfort, enfold and embrace.
May they provide a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being,
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May those who receive these shawls and this blanket be cradled in hope,
kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH 454

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

People's response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us, we pray.
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert
to the wonders you work in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen**

*THE PEACE

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
. . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . .
. . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here . . .
. . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Because the table at which we gather belongs to the Lord, it is open to all who respond to Christ's love, regardless of age or church membership. All, including children, are invited to receive both bread and cup, which is served by means of intinction — a small fragment of bread is placed in the hand to dip in the cup before consuming. Or you may take one of the small communion cups after consuming the bread. If you desire gluten-free bread, please ask for it when you come forward to be served.

Place your regular or special offering in the offering basket as you come forward for communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

As we depart, please join hands with your neighbor to sing a community song of peace.